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Page 2: B. Contact Information

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Page 3: C-1. Overall Recruitment Goals and Congregate Care Reduction Goals

<b>Q5 1.</b> Recruitment goal for non-related caregivers (Child Welfare):	Percent Increase (%)	28
	Number Increase (#)	15

<b>Q6 2.</b> Recruitment goal for non-related caregivers (Probation):	Percent Increase (%)	100
	Number Increase (#)	5

Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support (FPRS) FY 2017-18 Outcomes and FY 2018-19 Allocation  
Plan Report

<b>Q7 3.</b> Recruitment goal for relative/NREFM caregivers (Child Welfare):	Percent Increase (%)	<b>50</b>
	Number Increase (#)	<b>50</b>

<b>Q8 4.</b> Recruitment goal for relative/NREFM caregivers (Probation):	Percent Increase (%)	<b>40</b>
	Number Increase (#)	<b>5</b>

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<b>Q9 1.</b> Recruitment goal for non-related caregivers (Child Welfare):	Percent Increase (%)	<b>36</b>
	Number Increase (#)	<b>24</b>

<b>Q10 2.</b> Recruitment goal for non-related caregivers (Probation):	Percent Increase (%)	<b>1</b>
	Number Increase (#)	<b>1</b>

<b>Q11 3.</b> Recruitment goal for relative/NREFM caregivers (Child Welfare):	Percent Increase (%)	<b>1</b>
	Number Increase (#)	<b>12</b>

<b>Q12 4.</b> Recruitment goal for relative/NREFM caregivers (Probation):	Percent Increase (%)	<b>1</b>
	Number Increase (#)	<b>1</b>

Page 5: C-3. Overall Recruitment Goals and Congregate Care Reduction Goals

<b>Q13 1.</b> How many children in {{ Q1 }} County were in congregate care on June 30, 2018 (include children placed out-of-county)?	Child Welfare	<b>10</b>
	Probation	<b>0</b>

<b>Q14 2.</b> What was the goal for reducing congregate care placements during this time (Child Welfare)?	Percent Decrease (%)	<b>50</b>
	Number Decrease (#)	<b>6</b>

<b>Q15 3.</b> What was the goal for reducing congregate care placements during this time (Probation)?	Percent Decrease (%)	<b>0</b>
	Number Decrease (#)	<b>0</b>

Page 6: C-4. Overall Recruitment Goals and Congregate Care Reduction Goals

<b>Q16 1.</b> How many children in {{ Q1 }} County do you estimate will remain in congregate care on June 30, 2019?	Child Welfare	<b>6</b>
	Probation	<b>0</b>

Page 7: D-1.1 Family Finding

**Q17 1.** Please briefly recap {{ Q1 }} County's FY 2017-18 goals for Family Finding, as outlined in your FY 2017-18 FPRRS plan. Please note if the goals evolved over the course of the year, and any significant insights gained while pursuing these goals. If {{ Q1 }} County did not have a specific goal for Family Finding in FY 2017-18, please briefly explain why a specific goal was not needed.

Our goal was to identify relative placement resources as well as family members who, even if they cannot take placement of a child/youth, may be able to provide other support or mentoring to children/youth in care.

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<b>Q18 1.</b> Which specific services and supports did Family Finding activities provide? Select ALL that apply.	<b>Family Finding &amp; Other Databases</b> ,
	<b>Family Finding Support &amp; Staff</b> ,
	<b>Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI)</b> ,
	<b>Placement Support Staff, Recruitment &amp; Outreach,</b>
	Other (please describe):
	Child and Family Team Meetings (CFTM's)

**Q19 2.** Please describe in detail how Family Finding activities were implemented.

Kings County has implemented a Family Engagement and Placement Support Unit (FEAPS). This is a non-case carrying support unit that, among other activities, assists with family finding and relative notification for all newly detained children. In addition, the FEAPS unit will conduct family finding and relative notification for children in out of home care at the request of the child's social worker. This unit also searches for placement when children are in need of a new or initial placement, and facilitates most CFTM's, including all of the CFTM's for Detentions and children at imminent risk of removal.

Family finding is conducted through inquiry with the child/youth, parents, and support network, both at time of detention, if possible, and at the initial CFTM, which typically takes place within 24-48 hours of the child's removal from their parents. FEAPS staff utilize Lexus Nexus and CWS/CMS case mining to locate relatives as well.

<b>Q20 3.</b> Does {{ Q1 }} County have an ongoing sustainability plan for these activities? A sustainability plan can include efforts by {{ Q1 }} County or by other parties.	YES (please describe): Kings County plans to continue to staff the FEAPS unit.
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<b>Q21 3a.</b> Does {{ Q1 }} County intend to fund these activities after FPRRS funding has ceased?	<b>YES</b>
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**Q22 4.** Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County met its goals.

On June 30, 2017, Kings County had 354 children in foster care. 118 of those children were placed with relatives.

On June 30, 2018, Kings County had 359 children in foster care. 135 of those children were placed with relatives.

Over the course of the fiscal year, family finding was conducted for children in 82 separate families.

During the 2017/2018 fiscal year, 192 children were newly detained and of those children, relatives were located for 66 of them.

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**Q23 5.** Please describe any advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Family Finding activities.

N/A

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**Q24 6.** Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County did not meet its goals.

Relative placement resources were not located for all children detained during the fiscal year.

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**Q25 7.** For any unmet goals, tell us the barriers and/or challenges which prevented the goal from being met. Are there any lessons learned from the attempt to meet the goal which may be disseminated to other counties facing similar circumstances?

In some instances, parents are not forthcoming regarding relatives and some relatives are reluctant to come forward due to fear of involvement with the child welfare system and/or their immigration status. In addition, not all relatives identified as potential placement resources are able to meet the RFA requirements.

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**Q26 8.** Please describe any noteworthy barriers to implementation, advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Family Finding activities, not already described above.

N/A

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**Q27 1.** If these activities affected children in care, please enter the number of children affected.

185

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**Q28 2.** Please briefly state how they were affected.

185 of Kings County's foster children are placed with relatives.

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**Q29** 3. If these activities affected caregivers, please enter the number of caregivers affected.

68

**Q30** 4. Please briefly state how they were affected.

68 relative homes were approved through RFA during the fiscal year.

**Q31** 5. Given the outcomes achieved, please describe what (if anything) {{ Q1 }} County would do differently to address its Family Finding goals, or what you intend to change going forward.

We are working with Dr. Denise Goodman on recruitment tools and strategies for both relative and non-relative RFA homes. We are also working on a formal P and P for family finding.

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**Q32** 1. FPRRS - State General Fund

144163

**Q33** 2. FPRRS - Federal IV-E

83884

**Q34** 3. Non-FPRRS

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Page 13: D-1.5 Family Finding

**Q35** 1. Will {{ Q1 }} County continue to address the unmet goals?

YES (Please provide additional information and/or any proposed new activities involved.):  
We will continue to search for relatives for every newly detained foster child. We will work with Dr. Denise Goodman to develop additional family finding strategies.

**Q36** 2. Does {{ Q1 }} County have any new goals related to Family Finding for FY 2018-19? **NO**

Page 14: D-2.1 Outreach

**Q37 1.** Please briefly recap {{ Q1 }} County's FY 2017-18 goals for Outreach, as outlined in your FY 2017-18 FPRRS plan. Please note if the goals evolved over the course of the year, and any significant insights gained while pursuing these goals. If {{ Q1 }} County did not have a specific goal for Outreach in FY 2017-18, please briefly explain why a specific goal was not needed.

Kings County outreach goal was to enhance caregiver recruitment.

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**Q38 1.** Which specific services and supports did Outreach activities provide? Select ALL that apply.

- Caregiver Support,
- Caregiver Training
- Child Care,
- Initial Placement Support,
- Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI)
- Recruitment & Outreach

**Q39 2.** Please describe in detail how Outreach activities were implemented.

Outreach activities implemented by Kings County were targeted at identifying and locating relatives for emergency placement when children were removed from their home by child welfare or probation. Upon emergency placement of the child in the home of the caregiver, the resource family approval process was initiated and the caregivers were provided with services and supports as identified above.

**Q40 3.** Does {{ Q1 }} County have an ongoing sustainability plan for these activities? A sustainability plan can include efforts by {{ Q1 }} County or by other parties.

YES (please describe):  
Kings County has an agreement with the College of the Sequoias Foster & Kinship Care Education Program to provide high quality education and training opportunities for Resource Families. The education /training is offered to assist these providers in meeting the educational, behavioral and developmental needs of children and youth in care. Resource Families participate in quarterly QPI meetings for training and resource needs. Kings County would like to continue to provide tangible goods, financial assistance and childcare for care providers who attend the pre-approval trainings and orientations.

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**Q41 3a.** Does {{ Q1 }} County intend to fund these activities after FPRRS funding has ceased?

YES

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**Q42** 4. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County met its goals.

Kings County was able to meet some of it's goal with the FPRRS funding.

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**Q43** 5. Please describe any advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Outreach activities.

None

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**Q44** 6. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County did not meet its goals.

N/A

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**Q45** 7. For any unmet goals, tell us the barriers and/or challenges which prevented the goal from being met. Are there any lessons learned from the attempt to meet the goal which may be disseminated to other counties facing similar circumstances?

N/A

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**Q46** 8. Please describe any noteworthy barriers to implementation, advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Outreach activities, not already described above.

N/A

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**Q47** 1. If these activities affected children in care, please enter the number of children affected.

138

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**Q48** 2. Please briefly state how they were affected.

During the Fiscal year 138 children were placed with relative care provides identified through outreach and family finding. This number includes newly detained children as well as children who upon initial detention were placed in a non-relative home and moved to a relative home sometime during the fiscal year.

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**Q49** 3. If these activities affected caregivers, please enter the number of caregivers affected.

68

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**Q50** 4. Please briefly state how they were affected.

During the Fiscal year 68 relative caregivers were identified for emergency placement. The caregivers were able to maintain placement with the supportive services received during the approval process.

**Q51** 5. Given the outcomes achieved, please describe what (if anything) {{ Q1 }} County would do differently to address its Outreach goals, or what you intend to change going forward.

N/A

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**Q52** 1. FPRRS - State General Fund

0

**Q53** 2. FPRRS - Federal IV-E

0

**Q54** 3. Non-FPRRS

0

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<b>Q55</b> 1. Will {{ Q1 }} County continue to address the unmet goals?	YES (Please provide additional information and/or any proposed new activities involved.): Kings County will continue to address unmet outreach goals for in the coming year. The targeted goal is to recruit homes for teenagers.
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<b>Q56 2.</b> Does {{ Q1 }} County have any new goals related to Outreach for FY 2018-19?	<p>YES (Please describe these new goals in detail. Please include how your existing activities will address these new goals and, if applicable, please outline any new Outreach activities that you are proposing to implement to address these goals.):</p> <p>Dr. Goodman assisted us with identifying our recruitment target which is, Resource Parents willing and able to accept adolescents, both child welfare dependents and probation wards. Dr. Goodman assisted us with creating an RFA informational brochure, RFA recruitment cards, and flyers, designed to reach our target population. Dr. Goodman has also gave us recommendations on how to engage with community partners and leverage existing relationships to create targeted recruitment opportunities. Dr. Goodman has provided coaching to our FEAPS and RFA staff on how to re-recruit existing Resource Families who historically have only accepted younger children, as well as how to most effectively message an individual child's characteristics when trying to locate a purposeful placement. Dr. Goodman has also provided written resources and connected us with staff from other jurisdictions to gain information on formulating a plan for designated RFA emergency beds.</p>
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Page 21: D-3.1 Reducing Congregate Care

**Q57 1.** Please briefly recap {{ Q1 }} County's FY 2017-18 goals for Reducing Congregate Care, as outlined in your FY 2017-18 FPRRS plan. Please note if the goals evolved over the course of the year, and any significant insights gained while pursuing these goals. If {{ Q1 }} County did not have a specific goal for Reducing Congregate Care in FY 2017-18, please briefly explain why a specific goal was not needed.

Kings County's FY 2017-18 goals for Reducing Congregate Care was 50% or a total number of 2.

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<b>Q58 1.</b> Which specific services and supports did Reducing Congregate Care activities provide? Select ALL that apply.	<p>Caregiver Support,</p> <p>Caregiver Training,</p> <p>Initial Placement Support,</p> <p>Mental Health Services Coordination,</p> <p>Wraparound,</p> <p>Other (please describe):</p> <p>CFTM's</p>
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**Q59** 2. Please describe in detail how Reducing Congregate Care activities were implemented.

Kings County submitted plans to the state to transition youth residing in Group Homes into a home-based placement or to a licensed STRTP.

**Q60** 3. Does {{ Q1 }} County have an ongoing sustainability plan for these activities? A sustainability plan can include efforts by {{ Q1 }} County or by other parties.

YES (please describe):  
Kings County will conduct intensive family-finding and engagement for every child lacking an identified caregiver, child and family team driven case plans that identify and respond to barriers to home based placement and strategies to overcome and resolve identified barriers and outcomes. Documentation of the trauma-informed and permanency-competent specialty mental health services to be provided, including wraparound, collateral, intensive care coordination and intensive home-based services, therapeutic behavioral services, educational services and support, health services, substance abuse treatment and services.

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**Q61** 3a. Does {{ Q1 }} County intend to fund these activities after FPRRS funding has ceased?

**YES**

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**Q62** 4. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County met its goals.

Kings County did not meet its reducing congregate care goals for FY 2017-2018

**Q63** 5. Please describe any advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Reducing Congregate Care activities.

None

**Q64** 6. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County did not meet its goals.

The congregate care for the FY 2017-18 was not met. There was an increase in congregate care placements.

**Q65** 7. For any unmet goals, tell us the barriers and/or challenges which prevented the goal from being met. Are there any lessons learned from the attempt to meet the goal which may be disseminated to other counties facing similar circumstances?

Barriers with trauma-informed and permanency-competent specialty mental health services to be provided, including wraparound, collateral, intensive care coordination and intensive home-based services, therapeutic behavioral services, educational services and support, health services, substance abuse treatment and services.

**Q66** 8. Please describe any noteworthy barriers to implementation, advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Reducing Congregate Care activities, not already described above.

None

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**Q67** 1. If these activities affected children in care, please enter the number of children affected.

10

**Q68** 2. Please briefly state how they were affected.

There was no reduction in congregate care outcomes for the children.

**Q69** 3. If these activities affected caregivers, please enter the number of caregivers affected.

0

**Q70** 4. Please briefly state how they were affected.

N/A

**Q71** 5. Given the outcomes achieved, please describe what (if anything) County would do differently to address its Reducing Congregate Care goals, or what you intend to change going forward.

Kings County Human Services Agency and Kings County Probation is working with Dr. Denise Goodman to maximize our recruitment and retention efforts. Dr. Goodman has provided assistance in creating a RFA information brochure, RFA recruitment cards, and flyers designed to reach our target population which are teenagers and in congregate care.  
Dr. Goodman is meeting with our Permanency Planning staff and providing direct technical assistance with respect to recruiting families for youth in congregate care as well as youth who are experiencing placement instability. Individualized action plans are being created for each youth in congregate care and/or youth without a permanent placement.

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**Q72** 1. FPRRS - State General Fund

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**Q73** 2. FPRRS - Federal IV-E

0

**Q74** 3. Non-FPRRS

0

Page 27: D-3.5 Reducing Congregate Care

<b>Q75</b> 1. Will {{ Q1 }} County continue to address the unmet goals?	<p>YES (Please provide additional information and/or any proposed new activities involved.):</p> <p>Kings County will continue to address unmet goals by providing ongoing support to caregivers when they take placement of youth that has stepped down from congregate care. Increasing the availability of RFA Homes for placement options. Additional training to address the youths needs. Resources for the caregivers and additional monitoring in the form of case management services to achieve placement stability.</p>
<b>Q76</b> 2. Does {{ Q1 }} County have any new goals related to Reducing Congregate Care for FY 2018-19?	<p>YES (Please describe these new goals in detail. Please include how your existing activities will address these new goals and, if applicable, please outline any new Reducing Congregate Care activities that you are proposing to implement to address these goals.):</p> <p>Recruitment of 13-17 RFA homes specifically for teens.</p>

Page 28: D-4.1 Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers

<b>Q77</b> 1. Please briefly recap {{ Q1 }} County's FY 2017-18 goals for Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers, as outlined in your FY 2017-18 FPRRS plan. Please note if the goals evolved over the course of the year, and any significant insights gained while pursuing these goals. If {{ Q1 }} County did not have a specific goal for Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers in FY 2017-18, please briefly explain why a specific goal was not needed.	
<p>Kings County's FY 2017-18 goals for Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers, outlined in FY 2017-18 FPRRS plan included providing free medical exams and TB testing for care providers, providing child care during pre-service training, and providing supportive services and tangible goods to caregivers.</p>	

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<p><b>Q78</b> 1. Which specific services and supports did Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers activities provide? Select ALL that apply.</p>	<p>Caregiver Support,</p> <p>Child Care,</p> <p>Other (please describe):</p> <p>Medical exams and TB</p>
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**Q79** 2. Please describe in detail how Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers activities were implemented.

Medical Exams and TB testing were funded by FPRSS. The funding of this activity removed a common barrier for families to complete the RFA approval requirements and increase the ability to approve the families in a timely manner.

<p><b>Q80</b> 3. Does {{ Q1 }} County have an ongoing sustainability plan for these activities? A sustainability plan can include efforts by {{ Q1 }} County or by other parties.</p>	<p>YES (please describe):</p> <p>Child Care funded by FPRRS. Providing child care during RFA pre-service training eliminates barriers to families completing the RFA approval process. In addition , it is a vital service for relatives/NREFM's who have accepted emergency placement of a child.</p>
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<p><b>Q81</b> 3a. Does {{ Q1 }} County intend to fund these activities after FPRRS funding has ceased?</p>	<p>YES</p>
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**Q82** 4. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County met its goals.

Kings County stabilized placements and removed barriers by providing RF with free heath screenings including TB testing and free child care for RF.

**Q83** 5. Please describe any advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers activities.

None

**Q84** 6. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County did not meet its goals.

N/A

**Q85** 7. For any unmet goals, tell us the barriers and/or challenges which prevented the goal from being met. Are there any lessons learned from the attempt to meet the goal which may be disseminated to other counties facing similar circumstances?

N/A

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**Q86** 8. Please describe any noteworthy barriers to implementation, advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers activities, not already described above.

N/A

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**Q87** 1. If these activities affected children in care, please enter the number of children affected.

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**Q88** 2. Please briefly state how they were affected.

childcare and medical and TB

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**Q89** 3. If these activities affected caregivers, please enter the number of caregivers affected.

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**Q90** 4. Please briefly state how they were affected.

TB and Medical

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**Q91** 5. Given the outcomes achieved, please describe what (if anything) {{ Q1 }} County would do differently to address its Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers goals, or what you intend to change going forward.

Kings County is no longer requiring RFA applicants to complete a medical screening and TB screening per Written Directives. This is another barrier that has been removed. Moving forward Kings County is in the early planning stages of implementing Emergency Beds, the ISFC public model and respite care to improve placement stability.  
Strategies to improve placement stability will be ongoing with efforts to place children with relatives or family members when possible and programs to support caregivers to better address children's needs.

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**Q92** 1. FPRRS - State General Fund

8643

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Q93 2. FPRRS - Federal IV-E

5029

Q94 3. Non-FPRRS

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Q95 1. Will {{ Q1 }} County continue to address the unmet goals?	YES (Please provide additional information and/or any proposed new activities involved.): In order to stabilize placements and remove barriers a new proposed activity would be to provide caregivers with a gift card to purchase food upon receiving emergency placement or a compelling reason placement.
Q96 2. Does {{ Q1 }} County have any new goals related to Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers for FY 2018-19?	YES (Please describe these new goals in detail. Please include how your existing activities will address these new goals and, if applicable, please outline any new Stabilizing Placements/Removing Barriers activities that you are proposing to implement to address these goals.): Kings County goals related to stabilizing placements/removing barriers for the FY 2018-2019, is to provide additional level of support by enhancing retention and support of resource families and improving placement stability. Kings County is proposing implementing the following: 1) Emergency Beds 2) Respite Care 3) Mentorship for caregivers 4) Public model ISFC .

Page 35: D-5.1 Supporting Caregivers

Q97 1. Please briefly recap {{ Q1 }} County's FY 2017-18 goals for Supporting Caregivers, as outlined in your FY 2017-18 FPRRS plan. Please note if the goals evolved over the course of the year, and any significant insights gained while pursuing these goals. If {{ Q1 }} County did not have a specific goal for Supporting Caregivers in FY 2017-18, please briefly explain why a specific goal was not needed.	
Kings County supported caregivers during the FY 2017-2018 by eliminating barriers to timely completion of the RFA approval process, particularly for relative and NREFM families with the implementation of an MOU with the Health Department to conduct medical and TB exams which removed a financial barrier for families. Kings County contracted with Manitas De Amor Preschool and Child Care Inc. to provide childcare which was essential to placement stability and ensuring families completed the entire RFA approval process. Caregivers were provided with tangible goods in the form of beds/bedding, car seats and swimming pool fences.	

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<b>Q98</b> 1. Which specific services and supports did Supporting Caregivers activities provide? Select ALL that apply.	Caregiver , Training Child Care, Concrete Support, Initial Placement Support
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**Q99** 2. Please describe in detail how Supporting Caregivers activities were implemented.

Kings County implemented Quarterly QPI meetings for caregivers. Caregivers are provided with training hours. Caregivers receive the support and training they need to work with children and families. There is an open forum for discussion where caregivers have a voice.

<b>Q100</b> 3. Does {{ Q1 }} County have an ongoing sustainability plan for these activities? A sustainability plan can include efforts by {{ Q1 }} County or by other parties.	YES (please describe): Yes, Kings County will continue to work with caregivers to provide them with the support and training they need. The goal is a commitment to fully support excellent parenting by putting the needs of the child first with QPI.
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<b>Q101</b> 3a. Does {{ Q1 }} County intend to fund these activities after FPRRS funding has ceased?	YES
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**Q102** 4. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County met its goals.

Kings County was able to meet the goals by supporting caregivers with tangible goods, training, and child care during pre-service and QPI training.

<b>Q103</b> 5. Please describe any advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Supporting Caregivers activities.	No
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**Q104** 6. Please briefly summarize how {{ Q1 }} County did not meet its goals.

Kings County did not meet the goal of developing a mentorship program for caregivers.



**Q105 7.** For any unmet goals, tell us the barriers and/or challenges which prevented the goal from being met. Are there any lessons learned from the attempt to meet the goal which may be disseminated to other counties facing similar circumstances?

Kings County focused on the recruitment and retention of caregivers. We are continuing to have discussions and meetings to implement the mentorship program for caregivers.

**Q106 8.** Please describe any noteworthy barriers to implementation, advice or best practices for other counties that may wish to implement similar Supporting Caregivers activities, not already described above.

None

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**Q107 1.** If these activities affected children in care, please enter the number of children affected.

12

**Q108 2.** Please briefly state how they were affected.

The FPRRS funds were used to purchase beds and bedding for children to be placed on an emergency basis with relative caregivers. Children were provided with child care while the care providers attended RFA orientation and pre-approval training classes.

**Q109 3.** If these activities affected caregivers, please enter the number of caregivers affected.

27

**Q110 4.** Please briefly state how they were affected.

The RFA applicants were provided with direct services from staff who provided Orientation and pre-service trainings to the RFA applicants. Care providers were provided with tangible goods, such as, smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarms when needed. In addition FRPPS funding provided for home repairs, pest control services, and the purchase of bedroom furniture in order to stabilize the placement or enhance the child's well-being.

**Q111 5.** Given the outcomes achieved, please describe what (if anything) {{ Q1 }} County would do differently to address its Supporting Caregivers goals, or what you intend to change going forward.

Kings County would like to enhance the mentoring program for Resource Families. The purpose would be to support and encourage new foster parents and to keep experienced foster parents engaged and active. Both purposes encourage stability for foster parents as well as foster children.

Additional support to caregivers would be to provide Relative/NREFM caregivers during emergency placements with a gift card to purchase food and laundry items for the children placed in the home.

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**Q112 1. FPRRS - State General Fund**

9898

**Q113 2. FPRRS - Federal IV-E**

10455

**Q114 3. Non-FPRRS**

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**Q115 1.** Will {{ Q1 }} County continue to address the unmet goals?

YES (Please provide additional information and/or any proposed new activities involved.):  
Coaching, mentoring and other supportive services for Resource Families. This would included county staff and/or foster parent mentors who are available 24/7 to answer questions and otherwise support resource parents. Continue to provide Tangible goods, or financial assistance for families who receive emergency placement and are in need of beds, clothing, pool covers. etc. for the child placed in their care; individualized training to address dependent children or probation wards specific needs and support placement stability.

**Q116 2.** Does {{ Q1 }} County have any new goals related to Supporting Caregivers for FY 2018-19?

YES (Please describe these new goals in detail. Please include how your existing activities will address these new goals and, if applicable, please outline any new Supporting Caregivers activities that you are proposing to implement to address these goals.):  
Gift cards for caregivers to purchase day to day needs for children in placed until they receive reimbursement. Respite care for care providers when special circumstances arise or if the care provider wants to take vacation. Ability to fund activities for care providers to attend conferences and direct support to Resource Families that is tailored to the child and family's need.

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**Q117** Please use the box below for any comments, questions, or concerns about the survey or the use of Survey Monkey.

**Respondent skipped this question**